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## Framed And Fearful

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Framed in a den of iniquity!

Such was the blow dealt Edwin A. Walker, the Texas tower of conservatism, by a fate most unkind. But at least it was a plush den, frequented by such important people as Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Walt Rostow, a presidential adviser. Mr. Walker did not charge that they were party to the framing. He did tell a Senate Armed Services subcommittee that he would "question" the attitude of Messrs. Rusk and Rostow toward "our constitutional system, our sovereignty, our security, our independence."

Mr. Walker, who resigned as a major general in the Army to preach the gospel of conservatism as a civilian, went around the world in naming other victims of this framing—such men as General Douglas MacArthur, the late Senator Joseph McCarthy, Syngman Rhee of Korea and Moïse Tshombe of the Congo.

The soldier turned politician talked of a secret control apparatus, and lashed out at a soft-on communism policy and a sellout plot. He criticized former President Eisenhower again, scored the United Nations and the Central

Intelligence Agency, said Dag Hammarskjöld was in the Red classification, and dropped philosophy for force by slugging a newsmen who attempted to ask him about George Lincoln Rockwell, American Nazi Party leader, who had earlier praised Walker.

It was a typical performance by this new breed of American, the radical conservative. Without making specific allegations they relate the names of key government figures to obscure plots and fantastic conspiracies. With a minimum of fact and a maximum of innuendo they impale important individuals on the spindle of public opinion. They plant the seed of suspicion even in areas where they are not really believed. They justify the use of totalitarian tactics to destroy communism but remain blind to the fact that by the use of those methods they undermine confidence in our government and thereby serve the communist cause.

Mr. Walker, who seeks the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in Texas, says he was framed. Perhaps the voters of Texas will take him out of the picture.